

Her Lookout.

"I must tell you the joke on me," said a business woman who "keeps back" in a cunning little apartment. "Last week I invited two friends for luncheon. As I have just an hour at noon I got everything ready before I left in the morning that could be prepared and set on the ice. I made a lovely salad, a dessert, prepared for toast and muffs and tea and set my table in all its glory, and my guests met me at the office and we went to the apartment. What do you think I had done? Left my keys inside and locked the door!

"There was absolutely no way for us to get in. The janitor had a pass key, but he was away. All the windows on the fire escapes were locked, and no other key in the building fitted. There was nothing to do but take my guests to a restaurant. Then I found that I had not even brought my purse from the office, never dreaming that I should need it. I had to ask my guests for money to pay for the luncheon, and as it happened, they only had a quarter each above their fare. We went to the cheapest place we could find and had sandwiches and coffee. Wasn't that funny?"—Philadelphia Ledger.

Accommodating.

"Some years ago," says a Boston lawyer, "a man in Nantucket was tried for a petty offense and sentenced to four months in jail. A few days after the trial the judge who had imposed sentence, in company with the sheriff, was on his way to the Boston boat, when they passed a man busily engaged in sawing wood.

"The man stopped his work, touched his hat politely and said, 'Good morning, your honor.'

"The judge, after a careful survey of the man's face, asked:

"'Is that the man I sentenced to jail a few days ago?'

"'Yes,' replied the sheriff, with some hesitation, 'that's the man. The fact is, judge, we—or we don't happen to have anybody else in jail just now, so we thought it would be a sort of useless expense to hire some one to keep the jail four months just for this one man. So I gave him the jail key and told him to do all right if he'd sleep there 'o' nights.'"

His Belief.

A drunken carter came into a carriage of the Greenock train and sat opposite a clergyman who was reading his paper. Recognizing the profession of his vis-a-vis, the carter in a little while leaned forward and in a muffled voice remarked, "I don't believe there's any heaven."

The clergyman paid no heed.

"Do ye hear me?" persisted the carter. "I don't believe there's any heaven."

Still the clergyman remained silent behind his newspaper.

The carter, shouting his confession this time loudly, said, "I tell ye to your face, and ye're a minister, that I don't believe there's any heaven."

"Very well," said the clergyman, "if you do not believe there is a heaven go elsewhere, but please go quietly."—London Graphic.

One of the Lucky Ones.

A lady of title, an ardent motorist, is very unfortunate in the matter of spills. The other day, by no means for the first time, an engineer came to do various repairs to the motor.

The little girl of the house watched and then remarked:

"I think mamma's very unlucky with her motor, don't you?"

"Unlucky, did ye say?" replied the mechanic. "Why, no; not particularly unlucky. Her ladyship's alive, ain't she?"

"Yes, of course she is," said the girl.

"Well," was the rejoinder, with an expressive shake of the head, "lots of our customers ain't."

His Plausible Excuse.

Magistrate—This affair looks to me more like a common dog fight than a case of assault and battery. You claim that this man assaulted you and that you did not even try to defend yourself, yet he bears the marks of your teeth in three places. How do you account for that?

Plaintiff—Well, it was just like this. He hurt me so when he was a pound-in' of me that I had to have sumthin' ter bite on, or I couldn't 'a' stood it.—Los Angeles Times.

East Indian Proverbs.

An old English proverb: "Cut your coat according to your cloth." The following is a similar proverb in India: "Look at your bed before stretching your legs on it." "Don't ask for sauce in a free boarding house," is another Indian proverb, which is something like the English proverb, "Beggars must not be choosers."

A Person of Note.

Cofonel White—Your son is quite a singer, isn't he, Busenback? Brother Busenback—Yassah! Yassah! Bleeged to ye' for axin'. Dat boy, sah, am guttingly de most malodorous cuiled nussun in dis whole town.—Puck.

Not Duodlike.

Mrs. Yeast—And did you at one time call your husband a duck? Mrs. Crimmonback—Oh, yes. That was before I found out that he'd never take to water!—Yonkers Statesman.

His Cleverness.

Well—Young Mr. Bligwad is no fool. Belle—No. He's clever enough to have a rich father.—Philadelphia Record.

No Insult.

"I ain't insultin' of yer. I tell yer I'm simply callin' of yer a liar, an' yer are one!"—London Punch.

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Did the Best He Could.

In the absence of the regularly appointed spokesman, Mr. Makinbrakes had reluctantly consented to make a presentation speech.

"Miss Higham," he said, "unfortunately it is my—er—fortunate lot to fulfill the embarrassing—pleasant duty of—of inflicting a few remarks upon this occasion—which is highly appreciated, I assure you, and by none more so than myself, for the reason that—short, as I may say, it falls to my lot to convey, so to speak, the assurances of those to whom to whom I have occasion to refer to—more or less—in this connection, together with the best wishes, if I may so express myself, of those who have clubbed themselves—who have associated themselves—that you need anything of the kind, of course, but as a token of—as a token of—with which few remarks, Miss Higham, it is my—my pleasant surprise to hand you this gold watch and chain. I—I thank you."—Chicago Tribune.

Returned by the Glacier.

One of the first instances on record of a body returned by a Swiss glacier is that of the Hamel accident, which took place in 1820. Several guides were swept down by an avalanche and hurled into a crevasse. Hamel prophesied that the glacier would yield them up again in the course of a thousand years, but Dr. Forbes believed that the end of the glacier would be reached by the bodies in forty years. This statement was considered bold, but its accuracy was borne out by the event. In forty years the flow of ice brought the bodies to light.

In 1890 Henry Arkwright was lost in a glacier. In just thirty-one years his brother received a telegram from the mayor of Chamouni that the body was found. Every article of clothing was intact. His name and regiment could be read clearly on his handkerchief, and his gold pencil case opened and shut as easily as when he last used it three decades before.—"True Tales of Mountain Adventure."

Shakespeare and the Actors.

Why do we call Garrick a great actor? Because the box office of his time acclaimed him one. Davies tells us how his first performance of Richard III. was received with loud and reiterated applause. How his "look and actions when he pronounced the words,

"O' with his head; so much for Buckingham,

"were so significant and important from his visible enjoyment of the incident that several loud shouts of approbation proclaimed the triumph of the actor and satisfaction of the audience." A modern purist would have walked out of the playhouse when his ear was insulted by Gibber's tag, but from a theater point of view it is a good tag, and I have always thought it a pity that Shakespeare forgot to set it down himself and left to Gibber the burden of finishing the line.—Judge Parry in Cornhill Magazine.

Why the Earth Cannot Explode.

The theory is frequently advanced that planets and even suns sometimes explode and that the earth may some day blow up like a bombshell. No celestial body the size of the earth could possibly explode. If the entire molten interior of our globe could be replaced with nitroglycerin and detonated the explosion would not lift the earth's crust. In other words, if we assume that the crust of the earth is from fifty to a hundred miles in thickness it would require something much more powerful than even nitroglycerin to burst the shell. It is necessary only to do a little figuring to see that the pressure of the earth's crust at a depth of from fifty to a hundred miles far exceeds the pressure exerted by the most powerful high explosive.—Hudson Maxim.

Too Literal.

"Well, yes," said old Uncle Lazenberry, who was intimately acquainted with most of the happenances of the village, "Almira Stang has broken off her engagement with Charles Henry Tootwiler. They'd be goin' together for about eight years, durin' which time she had been inculcatin' into him, as you might call it, the beauties of economy. But when she discovered just lately that he had learnt his lesson so well that he had saved up 217 pairs of socks for her to darn immediately after the wedding she 'peared to conclude that he had taken her advice a little too literally and broke off the match."—Puck.

Money-making Frenchmen.

If you meet a family party in a finely appointed carriage on the island of Montreal, nine times out of ten it is a French family. That the French can make money when they give their minds to the "game" the fact that the leading family of financiers in Montreal is French indicates.—Toronto Canadian Courier.

Nothing Dangerous About That.

Hewitt—Delays are dangerous. Jewett—Oh, I don't know. My wife received a letter this morning saying that her mother would have to postpone her visit.—New York Press.

Business.

New Son-in-law—Here's only 19,000 marks. You promised my wife a dowry of 20,000. Father-in-law—I always knock off 2 per cent for cash.—Fliegende Blätter.

Foils Him.

Scott—I suppose you are saving up something for a rainy day. Mott—I try to, but my wife mistakes every bargain sale for a shower.—Boston Transcript.

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Reminders.

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